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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI AUTHORIZES REISSUE OF BANNED INKATHA NEWSLETTER

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1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM KWAZULU CHIEF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI, KWAZULU GOVERNMENT OVER THE OCTOBER 2-3 WEEKEND PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED A VIRTUAL COPY OF THE RECENTLY BANNED INKATHA NEWS BULLETIN. THE NEW KWAZULU BULLETIN WAS PREPARED IN KWAZULU GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND SOLD FOR SA FIVE CENTS PER COPY TO A CROWD OF ABOUT 2,000 ZULUS ATTENDING A SPEECH BY CHIEF BUTHELEZI DURING THE WEEKEND.

2. CONTACTED BY THE DURBAN DAILY NEWS, BUTHELEZI SAID HE HAD FELT MORALLY BOUND TO MAKE THE INFORMATION IN THE BANNED BULLETIN AVAILABLE TO ZULU PEOPLE SO THEY WOULD BE CLEAR THAT INKATHA HAD NOT ISSUED SUBVERSIVE STATEMENTS. SINCE INKATHA MOVEMENT IS FORMALLY ENDORSED BY KWAZULU LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNMENT, IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY TO SHOW UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT KWAZULU GOVERNMENT WAS NOT ENGAGED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVI-

TIES. BUTHELEZI MAINTAINED THAT THE NEW BULLETIN WAS NOT THE SAME AS THE OLD INKATHA BULLETIN ALTHOUGH IT CONTAINED THE SAME INFORMATION. REITERATING HIS ADVOCACY OF NON-VIOLENCE AND A CONSTITUTIONAL STRUGGLE FOR CHANGE, BUTHELEZI ADDED, QUOTE I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO STOP TELLING PEOPLE I LEAD ABOUT MY BELIEFS AND CONVICTIONS MERELY BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S REICH-TYPE ACTION TAKEN NOW TO STIFLE THE VOICE OF TRUTH UNQUOTE.

3. BUTHELEZI SAID HE HAD TELEPHONED JUSTICE MINISTER KRUGER TO REQUEST THAT ORDER BANNING EARLIER INKATHA PUBLICATION BE WITHDRAWN. KRUGER ALLEGEDLY HAD PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER BUT HAD AS YET NOT GOTTEN BACK IN TOUCH.
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